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IN THE UNITED STATES OF PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of) Adrian Boyle et al
For) Laser Machining
International Application Serial No.) PCT/EP03/008706
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FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper;